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SUBJECT: GDR-UK CONSULAR CONVENTION: BRITISH CAPACITY TO CONTACT  
GDR LOCAL AUTHORITIES

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1. ON MAY 26, EMBOFF LEARNED FROM BRITISH EMBASSY HERE ( FIRST SEC-  
RETARY/CONSUL BRIAN ROSE) OF AT LEAST ONE PROBABLY OPERATIONAL  
ADVANTAGE THE US HAS GAINED IN CONSULAR WORK FROM THE GDR-UK  
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CONSULAR CONVENTION, SIGNED IN BERLIN ON MAY 4, 1976, AND NOW ENTERED  
INTO FORCE.

2. 2. THAT CONVENTION PROVIDES BOTH FOR ISSUANCE OF EXEQUATORES TO  
CONSULS BY RECEIVING STATES AND THE RIGHT OF CONSULS SO RECOG-  
NIZED TO APPROACH LOCAL AUTHORITIES, E.G. POLICE AND COURTS,

DIRECTLY. SOME TIME AGO, THE BRITISH SENT ROSE'S CONSULAR COMMISSION TO THE GDR AND REQUESTED HIS EXEQUATUR, WHICH WAS IN DUE COURSE RETURNED, SIGNED BY HONECKER. THEN, IN EARLY MAY, HE WAS REQUESTED TO RETURN HIS DIPLOMATIC ID CARD TO MFA PROTOCOL SO THAT IT COULD BE AMENDED TO PERMIT CONTACT WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES. THE NEW ID CARD MERELY ADDS THE PHRASE "CONSULAR FUNCTION", TO ROSE'S IDENTIFICATION AS "FIRST SECRETARY OF EMBASSY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND."

3. ROSE SAID THAT HE HAD NOT YET HAD OCCASION TO TEST THE NEW ID CARD AS A MEANS OF SUCH CONTACT.

4. COMMENT: MOST WESTERN CONSULAR OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO CHANNEL ALL THEIR CONTACTS THROUGH THE CONSULAR DEPARTMENT OF THE MFA. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE FREQUENTLY TRIED DIRECT CONTACTS WITH VPKAS (PEOPLE'S POLICE DISTRICT OFFICES) IN HUMANITARIAN CASES, THESE ATTEMPTS HAVE INEVITABLY BEEN TURNED BACK WITH THE POLICE DIRECTING US TO THE MFA. CLEARLY, THEN, THE AUTHORIZATION OF CONSULAR CONTACT DIRECTLY WITH SUCH GDR OFFICIALS WOULD BE AN ADVANTAGE TO ANY WESTERN STATE CONCLUDING A CONSULAR AGREEMENT WITH THE GDR.

5. TO EASTERN EUROPEAN ADDRESSEES: WE HAVE HEARD THAT CONSULAR OFFICERS AT SOME OF THE POSTS IN EASTERN EUROPE ARE ABLE TO HAVE CERTAIN FORMS OF CONTACT WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES. WE WOULD FIND OF VALUE ANY INFORMATION ON WHAT CONTACT IS POSSIBLE AND WHAT MODALITIES ARE EMPLOYED TO ARRANGE THEM. ARE ID CARDS AMENDED IN SOME MANNER SIMILAR TO THAT USED BY THE GDR IN BRIAN ROSE'S CASE?

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